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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James H. Cross of Champaign, who passed away on June 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Cross was born on January 11, 1943 in Urbana; his parents were Everett and Lillian Cross; he married Linda K. Sawyer on January 9, 1965; and

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WHEREAS, James Cross served his country as a member of the United States National Guard; and

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WHEREAS, James Cross graduated from Urbana High School in 1961; after high school, he went to work for his father at the H.S. Grindley Company, where he delivered, installed, and fixed appliances; and

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WHEREAS, In 1970, James Cross joined the Champaign Fire Department, where he served as a firefighter for almost 30 years until his retirement in 1999 at the rank of lieutenant; and

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WHEREAS, Following his retirement, James Cross expanded Huber's West End, a store he purchased in 1989 so that he would have "something to do" on his days off from the fire

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1 department; he also expanded his car collection and enjoyed all  
2 kinds of cars, from roadsters to speedsters to touring cars; he  
3 was also a fixture in Champaign-Urbana's 4th of July Parade,  
4 winning awards every year for his beautifully restored cars;  
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6 WHEREAS, James Cross is survived by his wife, Linda; 2  
7 children, Melissa Hildreth and Chris Cross; and 5  
8 grandchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
11 family and friends, mourn the passing of James H. Cross; and be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of James Cross as an expression of our  
15 sympathy.